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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/022,359	<b>Applicant(s)</b> ROMA ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Thuy Pardo	<b>Art Unit</b> 2175	

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 December 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-45 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 December 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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## DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-45 are presented for examination.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Dusevic et al. (Hereinafter "Dusevic") U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0055868, in view of Leisten et al. (Hereinafter "Leisten") US Patent No. 6,023,702.

As to claim 1, Dusevic teaches the invention substantially as claimed, comprising:  
receiving an identification of a first customer [inherent in the system in order to allow the user to conduct transactions over the network, see fig. 1; 0037-0038 of page 3];  
identifying one or more applications accessible to the first customer [tasks 110 of fig. 2; 0051 of pages 4-5];

receiving a selection of a first application from the one or more applications to execute [0057 of page 5]; and executing one or more generic tasks stored in a first area accessible to all customers and executing at least one customized task, the at least one

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customized task being stored in a second area accessible only to the first customer [0057 of page 5; 0065-0067 of page 6].

However, Dusevic does not explicitly teach identifying one or more rules applicable to the application. Leisten teaches enforcing over-all rules for each specific role of a specific project [see the abstract].

Therefore, it would be obvious to one of the ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to add the feature of Leisten to the system of Dusevic as an essential means to conduct tasks which must be done within the maximum logical permission and schedules requested for the project.

As to claim 2, Dusevic and Leisten teach the invention substantially as claimed. Dusevic further teaches receiving an identification of a second customer different from the first customer [inherent having this feature because each customer has his own id in order to access to the network]; identifying one or more applications accessible to the second customer [0073-0074 of pages 6-7]; receiving a selection of a second applications accessible to the second application from the one or more customer to execute [create project item, 0074 of page 7]; executing one or more generic tasks stored in the first area accessible to all customers according to the identified one or more rules applicable to the second application and, the at least one customized task being stored in a third area accessible only to the second customer [fig. 2-3; 0050-0057 of pages 4-5]. Leisten further teaches identifying one or more rules applicable to the second application and executing at least one customized task according to the identified one or more rules applicable to the second application [ab].

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As to claim 3, Dusevic and Leisten teach the invention substantially as claimed. Dusevic further teaches that at least one of the generic tasks executed for the first application is executed for the second application [task and subtask, fig. 2].

As to claim 4, Dusevic and Leisten teach the invention substantially as claimed. Dusevic further teaches that at least one of the rules applicable to the first application is applicable to the second application [task and subtask, fig. 2].

As to claim 5, Dusevic and Leisten teach the invention substantially as claimed. Dusevic further teaches receiving a request to modify the first generic application into a first custom application, generating at least one customized task based upon the received request, and modifying at least one of the one or more identified rules to incorporate the at least one customized task into the first custom application, the first custom application including at least one of the one or more generic tasks included in the first generic application [see fig. 14].

As to claim 6, Dusevic and Leisten teach the invention substantially as claimed. Dusevic further teaches that the request includes details about tasks to include in the first custom application, and the at least one customized task is generated according to the details [fig. 14].

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As to claim 7, Dusevic and Leisten teach the invention substantially as claimed. Dusevic further teaches that the generating the at least one customized task includes modifying at least one of the one or more generic tasks to generate the at least one customized task [fig. 2, 3, 14].

As to claim 8, Dusevic and Leisten teach the invention substantially as claimed. Dusevic further teaches that the at least one customized task is a new task different from the identified one or more generic tasks [fig. 14; 0345-0350 of pages 14-15].

As to claim 10, Dusevic and Leisten teach the invention substantially as claimed. Dusevic further teaches that storing the at least on customized task of the first custom application in a location in memory that is only accessible to the first customer [0338 of page 14].

As to claim 13, Dusevic and Leisten teach the invention substantially as claimed. Dusevic further teaches storing the at least on customized task of the second custom application in a location in memory that is only accessible to the second customer [0338 of page 14].

As to claim 14, Dusevic and Leisten teach the invention substantially as claimed. Dusevic further teaches that the first and second generic applications are the same [a plurality of tasks 110 of fig. 2; 0051 of page 4].

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As to claim 15, Dusevic and Leisten teach the invention substantially as claimed. Dusevic further teaches that the first and second generic application are different [subtask 112A and subtask 112B of fig. 2].

As to claims 9, 11, 12, 16-45, all limitations of these claims have been addressed in the analysis above, and these claims are rejected on that basis.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuy Pardo, whose telephone number is (703) 305-1091. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dov Popovici, can be reached at (703) 305-3830.

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August 05, 2004

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**THUY N. PARDO  
PRIMARY EXAMINER**